

# Research Steps:

You will be completing the paper in steps. Each step has a specific due date and will be assigned a point value. At the end of the research paper writing process, all points will be added up to compromise the final grade of the research paper. Failure to follow each step will result in point deductions from the final grade.

## Inquiry:

**Step 1 (5 points):** You will explore two topics that interest you which relate to World History between the time periods 500-1500. Fill out the graphic organizer, Exploring A Topic, completely, for each topic. As part of the graphic organizer, include a rough draft research question for each topic that you explore. **DUE 3/19**

**Step 2 (5 points):** Library research performance. You are expected to utilize the time in the library productively and make use of databases and book resources.

**Step 3:** Meet with Mr. Irons to finalize your topic, after you have completed **both** "Exploring a Topic" organizer sheets. **DUE 3/20**

## Writing the Paper:

**Step 4 (5 points):** Write a thesis statement for your paper. Your thesis does not have to be your final thesis, it can be a work in progress, but you must produce a thesis at this point. Your thesis can change with approval. **DUE 4/1**

**Step 5 (10 points):** Submit one (1) full introductory paragraph with finalized thesis statement. **DUE 4/3**

**Step 6 (5 points):** NoodleTools Notecards- You are expected to create 15-20 notecards in Noodletools as you research your topic. These are the building blocks to your final paper. **DUE 4/6**

**Step 7 (10 points):** Submit a formal outline of your paper using Noodletools. Include the thesis statement from Step 4. **DUE 4/6**

**Step 8 (10 points):** Submit a complete Works Cited which includes at least three (3) sources. You must correct all mistakes before submitting the final version. **DUE 4/6**

**Step 9 (20 points):** Submit a typed full draft. **DUE 4/13**

**Step 10 (5 points):** Have at least one person other than your teacher read through your draft and have them sign the bottom of the draft. **DUE 4/13**

**Step 11 (25 points):** Submit your final draft. Final drafts should be compiled and stapled in this order, top to bottom: Final paper, *corrected* Works Cited, copies of any internet articles (including CRAAP evaluation sheets) and rough drafts. Include the Project Check-off sheet with your signed honor statement. Final drafts are due no later than the end of your class period on the final due date. Ten (10) points will be deducted if your instructor does not receive the paper by the time he LEAVES school for the day. **DUE 4/24**